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SUBJ: LAPPEMAN

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO MCNAMARA.

2. MCNAMARA LETTER TO ME DATED JULY 12, ENCLOSING COPY
OF HIS LETTER OF JULY 5 TO PROCUREUR GENERAL ANDRIAMISEZA,
PROBABLY EXPLAINS LATTER'S APPROACH TO ANDRIAMADISON
REPORTED BY REF A. IT WAS PROBABLY ON RECEIPT OF LETTER
FROM MCNAMARA THAT ANDRIAMISEZA DECIDED TO ENSURE THAT
DEFENSE UNDERSTOOD HE HAD MADE NO COMMITMENT OF A
PRESIDENTIAL PARDON SHOULD APPEAL BE WITHDRAWN.

3. WHILE IT MAY BE TRUE THAT SOME MALAGASY WOULD LIKE TO
HELP US IN THE INTEREST OF BETTER RELATIONS AND MAYBE
JUST IN INTEREST OF LAPPEMAN, THIS FEELING WOULD MOST
PROBABLY BE IN MIDDLE OF UPPER LEVELS OF BUREAUCRACY.
FROM WHAT HAS RECENTLY BEEN SAID IN MOSCOW, KHARTOUM, AND
ANTANANARIVO, IT CAN SAFELY BE CONCLUDED THAT THE
MATTER OF RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. IS AT BEST A MATTER OF
COMPLETE INDIFFERENCE AT THE HIGHER POLITICAL LEVEL.
THUS LAPPEMAN'S CHANCES MAY BE CONSIDERED BETTER IF
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HIS CASE DECIDED AT LOWER LEVEL BY NEW TRIAL THAN AT
THE UNSYMPATHETIC TOP BY RELIANCE ON EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY.
FURTHERMORE, AS PREVIOUSLY SAID, NEW TRIAL DOES NOT
RULE OUT SUCH CLEMENCY IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT SUCH
AN INCLINATION DOES EXIST.

4. I DO NOT KNOW HOW DIFFERENT JUDGES VOTED. IT

IS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, CERTAIN THAT COL RAKOTONIRINA
WILL NOT BE A JUDGE AT A NEW TRIAL AS PROCEDURES CALL
FOR AN ENTIRELY NEW PANEL OF JUDGES.BARRETT

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